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1892

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Zion Baptist Church, Near Rosser, Ala.,

September 10, 11 and 12, 1891.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. LARKIN, Moderator.....Coatopa, Ala.
ELDER J. D. COOK, Clerk.....Cuba, "
DEACON A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer.Livingston, "

The next session of this Association will be held with the Cuba Baptist Church, Sumter County, Ala., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

DIRECTORY OF BIBBLE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. D. Cook.....	Yale Station, Ala.
W. G. Curry.....	Jefferson, "
F. A. Freeman.....	Butler, "
A. J. Hearn.....	Yantley Creek, "
J. R. Larkin.....	Coatop, "
W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, "
J. W. Smith.....	Jefferson, "
J. L. Tucker.....	Nanafalia, "
C. C. Vaughan.....	Cuba Station, "
J. E. Vaughan.....	Mt. Sterling, "
T. B. Woodward.....	Bevill's Store, "

DECEASED MINISTERS.

A. B. Spidle.....	Belmont, Ala.	A. P. Evans.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
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SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bralah, W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
Christian Valley, Wm. Larkin.....	Coatop, "
Canton, N. M. Carpenter.....	Clinton, "
Coatop, W. H. Phillips.....	Yantley Creek, "
Cuba, E. M. Shaw.....	Cuba Station, "
Danapolis, J. C. K. By.....	Danapolis, "
Hopewell, Choctaw County, J. A. Vaughan.....	Mt. Sterling, "
Hopewell, Choctaw County, James Speed.....	Belmont, "
Livingston, A. D. Fortner.....	Livingston, "
Mt. Pleasant, J. Q. Lipscomb.....	Jefferson, "
Shelton, G. W. Greene.....	York Station, "
Sumterville, W. H. Brown.....	Sumterville, "
York, W. J. Pace.....	York Station, "

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT ASSOCIATION IN 1892. WITH POSTOFFICES OF THE CHAIRMEN.

Bible and Colportage Work—F. M. Ward, Bevill's Store, Ala.; A. P. Evans and L. A. McLean.

Schools—A. D. Fortner, Livingston, Ala.; B. B. Scale and Thos. E. M. Kinley.
Temperance—L. Poole, Cuba Station, Ala.; Jackson Burton and J. V. Carr.

Moral and General Education—J. A. Granberry, Yantley Creek, Ala.; J. E. Cook and Wm. Larkin.

State Missions—C. C. Vaughan, Cuba Station, Ala.; O. C. Thomas and H. R. Foss.

Home Missions—W. J. Pack, York Station, Ala.; J. A. Davidson and J. R. Speed.

Foreign Missions—W. F. Pond, Kinterbish, Ala.; E. W. Brock and J. Q. Lipscomb.

Women's Work—J. W. Jones, Jefferson, Ala.; A. J. Hearn and W. H. Brown.

MINUTES.

The English Baptist Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Zion began its labors at 8 o'clock, Sunday morning, September 10th, 1891, at 11 a. m.

The meeting was begun by singing "There is a fountain filled with blood." The Moderator read the 6th chapter of Galatians, and led in prayer.

In response to the call for representation, the letters from the churches were presented, and by request of the Moderator, were read by brethren J. A. Green and W. G. Curry.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. B. Pond, T. E. Wood, W. S. Lusk, W. F. Pond.
Christian Vall—B. E. Sewell, J. P. Larkin.
Clinton—W. D. Green.
Concord—D. W. Brock, L. A. Brown, C. Powell, J. A. Curry, A. J. Hearn, W. H. Pathers.
Cuba—E. M. Shaw, J. D. Cook, C. A. L. Foss, J. A. Smith.
Detroit—S. D. P. M. K. Riley, M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
Epsom—W. G. Ford.
Fallow—Not represented.
Fond du Lac—Not represented.
Galesville—Not represented.
Hickory Hill—T. D. Woodward.
Hopewell—C. A. L. Foss, W. D. Wood.
Hopewell—S. D. P. M. K. Riley, M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
J. V. Fort.
Livingston—W. G. Curry, A. D. Fortner, H. R. Foss.
Mt. Hermon—J. C. Watts.
Mt. Morris—A. J. M. Larkin.
Mt. Pleasant—John W. Smith, Jr., M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
Mt. Sterling—Not represented.
New Prospect—Not represented.
Rehoboth—W. G. Curry, M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
Shorts—Marion Ward, T. D. Woodward, M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
Shoan—G. W. Curry, M. C. L. M. K. Riley.
Sumterville—J. A. Green.
York—W. J. Peck, B. W. L. Foss, W. W. Drummond.
Zion—H. R. Foss, G. L. Lusk.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. On motion of W. G. Curry, the former officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz: J. R. Larkin, Moderator; J. D. Cook, Clerk; A. D. Fortner, Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by B. F. Riley.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m., and after singing "Nearer my God to thee," the Moderator read the 32nd Psalm. Prayer by W. F. Pond.

None of the Secretaries on Ministerial and General Education being present, the Moderator appointed the following on this committee: F. M. Ward, D. W. Brock and Thos. E. McKinley.

The report on State Missions was read by the chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success which has crowned our efforts as a denomination in the department of State Mission work, since its inauguration in 1875, demonstrates the importance of organized Christian effort. From the amount of work done, and the great amount of good accomplished during all these years, we are forcibly impressed with the fact that as co-laborers in the Master's vineyard, if we would accomplish great things for God and for humanity, these results are to be attained mainly through well organized, untiring, persistent effort. True as a great denunciation of Christians, we have not accomplished all that could be desired, nor all that our financial ability, numbers and religious acts would warrant. Yet, when we retrospect the past, and compare our present religious status with that prior to the beginning of State Missions, we have no cause to grow weary in well-doing. But our triumphs should be inspired to redouble our efforts to accomplish still greater results in the years to come.

By reference to State Mission statistics, running through a period of seventeen years, it will be readily concluded that State Missions are a grand success. Many old fields worn out and thrown out, and overgrown with thorns and thistles, have been reclaimed and fertilized and tilled, and are yielding luxuriant harvests. New fields of virgin soil have been cleared up and brought into cultivation. From statistics furnished by our efficient Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, we are happy to be able to report to this body that there has been a decided advance in all branches of State Mission work during the last conventional year, ending October 30, 1891. The record is most encouraging. Julius Caesar said, "There was nothing really done until all was done." If our people would take this for their motto, and would be diligent, and would come up fully to the measure of their ability, with their contributions and their prayers, the time would not be far distant when every town, village and neighborhood in the State of Alabama would have a meeting house, a congregation of worshippers, and a preacher.

During the last conventional year the receipts of the State Mission Board were \$11,120; men employed, 18; parsons defunct, 200; churches constructed, 75; persons baptized, 200; received by letter, 50; restored, 55; Sunday-schools organized, 1; prayer meetings organized, 51; regular preaching stations, 10; circuit churches, 10; families destitute of the Bible, 105; meeting houses, churches, 21; meeting houses finished, 7.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. EVANS, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by B. F. Riley, C. G. Elliott, T. B. Woodward, J. A. Granberry, A. J. Hearn and J. M. Kailin.

Pending the discussion, adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday, after benediction by W. G. Curry.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock. Sang, "Hail from a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." The Moderator read part of the second chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by T. B. Woodward.

The hour for prayer was also noteworthy, as no having arrived, and the session of the day was abandoned.

The benedictory sermon was preached by J. D. Cook, First Missionary, "Which is better, to die at once, but the blessing of the Spirit, or to live in the land of the living, that he may be able to turn it into his harvest."

Missionary collection, \$76.50.

Adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by C. G. Elliott.

FRIDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Came together at the appointed hour, and sang, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." The Association was led in prayer by J. M. Kain.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was further discussed by B. F. Riley, W. B. Crumpton, and C. G. Elliott, and after pledges to Ministerial Education, and cash for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as recorded below, the report was adopted.

PLEDGES TO MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Carlisle Valley Church	\$ 10 00
Central Church	15 00
Calder	10 00
Union Church	5 00
First Church	5 00
Second Church	5 00
Third Church	5 00
Fourth Church	5 00
Fifth Church	5 00
Sixth Church	10 00
Seventh Church	5 00
Eighth Church	5 00
Ninth Church	5 00
Tenth Church	5 00
Eleventh Church	5 00
Twelfth Church	5 00
Thirteenth Church	5 00
Fourteenth Church	5 00
Fifteenth Church	5 00
Sixteenth Church	5 00
Seventeenth Church	5 00
Eighteenth Church	5 00
Nineteenth Church	5 00
Twentieth Church	5 00
Twenty-first Church	5 00
Twenty-second Church	5 00
Twenty-third Church	5 00
Twenty-fourth Church	5 00
Twenty-fifth Church	5 00
Twenty-sixth Church	5 00
Twenty-seventh Church	5 00
Twenty-eighth Church	5 00
Twenty-ninth Church	5 00
Thirtieth Church	5 00
Total	\$ 10 00

NOTE.—Half of the above amounts are expected to be paid the first of October; the other half the first of 1902. These pledges can be credited on the amounts apportioned to the churches for Ministerial Education. Send the money to Geo. W. Ellis, Montgomery, Ala. Check.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, cash paid to Chas. G. Elliott, \$11.55.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees:

Finance—D. W. Davis, H. R. Lee, and A. P. Greaves.
 Prayers and Praise—A. J. Brown and D. W. Greaves.
 Nominations—A. D. L. Smith, W. S. Parker, and W. D. Green.
 Appointments—J. A. Goodberry, J. C. Tamm, and Thomas E. McKinley.
 Correspondence—J. C. Smith, J. P. Vaughan, and T. B. Woodward.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

10 October 11, 1994. 11:00 AM. 11-1094.

10:20. P. 61-62. 300-600.

11. Preaching, by W. G. Curry.

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TUESDAY Night.

Preaching by C. C. Elliott.

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11 a.m. Pressing service, M. Kallin.

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By making our purchases through the Home Board we not only get them as cheaply as elsewhere, but we send the money that sustains and the good work of supplying the Word of God to those who have it not, is pushed forward.

The contributions to this purpose during the last ten months, have been only \$27.00, which shows that, taking into consideration the extent of the increasing work, if once placed upon a safe footing, and could receive the patronage of the people, the organization would be self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Davidson, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. A. Davidson and W. B. Crumpston, then adopted.

The following was offered by A. J. Hearn and adopted :

Whereas, There is a want of system in raising means for Ministerial Education, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a specified amount be given to the Committee on Apportionment to be divided among the churches composing this Association.

Adjourned after benediction by W. G. Curry.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Owing to rain, did not assemble until 10 o'clock. The Moderator read the 3d chapter of Collossians, and D. I. Purser led the Association in prayer.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The report on Home Missions was read, as follows :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

More and more pressing do the claims of Home Missions become, as the years roll on. With our rapidly increasing population the work to be done by the Home Mission Board appeals more and more loudly to the sympathies of the churches.

The last report of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention shows gratifying results. Increase is shown all along the line of its work. We glean from the report the following encouraging facts: Workers employed this year 406, against 371 last year; an increase of 35. The results of labor show a corresponding increase. Baptisms this year 5339; a gain of 872 over the preceding year. The additions to Mission churches last year were 8,098; this year, 9,987; a gain of 1,889. Church houses built last year, 84; this year, 143; a gain of 59. The sum expended last year in their erection, was \$37,324.85; this year it aggregates \$60,473.60. These figures clearly show that the blessing of God is resting upon this department of Christian effort. The most deplorable feature is that our people have not yet arisen to a proper appreciation of the work committed to the Home Mission Board. The contributions of the churches are far below what they should be. In the face of the facts that in the last few years the territory to be occupied by the Board, has been largely increased by the addition of Cuba and other portions of our Western domain, thus increasing the demands upon us to supply these needs. Our contributions stand but a trifle in advance of the old figures. This lack not withstanding to the work of information. To supply this need we would earnestly recommend that pastors encourage the circulation of Missionary literature among their people; more especially

Respectively submitted, W. G. Cooey, Chairman.

The report was discussed by D. L. Purser, then adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by the Chairman as follows :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In Japan we note the urgent demand for a larger working force. Japan is now ready to receive new ideas and new spiritual inquiries. Your committee recommend that now is the time to send forth agents to sow the word of eternal life in that pagan land where there are 12,000,000 souls. Out of that vast number there are only 100,000 Christians. One of this number the Baptists claim only 1000. There are 10,000,000 heathens claimed for Japan. Only one to two and a half millions of Christians. Our mission there, while young and small, is promising. We, as Americans, ought to rally close to our Albigens. We in that old, Barthelemy McCollum gives helpful accounts of his work there.

next year, by sending me 100 additional votes. Feeling as I do that God's approval rests upon the work, let the members to accomplish it. Respectfully solicited,

A. D. FORTNER, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by A. D. Fortner, C. W. Hare and C. G. Elliott.

Owing to the lateness of the hour when the body assembled, and the press of business, the appointment for preaching at 11 a. m. was rescinded.

D. I. Purser was given an opportunity to present the claims of Howard College and the interests of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, after which subscriptions were given to rear dormitory buildings of Howard College, as follows:

DORMITORY BUILDINGS, HOWARD COLLEGE.

J. R. Larkin, Coatsopa.....	\$ 50 00
A. P. Evans, Kinterbish.....	50 00
W. D. Green, Clinton.....	25 00
F. M. Ward, Beville's Store.....	25 00
L. A. Brook, Yantley Creek.....	10 00
T. E. McKinley, Danopolis.....	5 00
Mrs. J. D. Cook, Cuba.....	2 50
Mrs. S. W. Watts, Meridian, Miss.....	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Green, York Station.....	1 00
Miss Dora Green, York Station.....	1 00
O. F. Manning, Pushmataha.....	5 00
B. B. Scale.....	paid 1 00
A. P. Scarborough.....	paid 1 00
B. A. May.....	paid 50
Cash.....	50
Total.....	\$ 178 00

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." That it is potent of evil is conceded. It is the winning blight that destroys the ambition of young men, and gives beggariness to the face of the old. By its influence, the strong arm of the husband is laid heavily upon the helpless wife, that the latter may have to defend.

Widowhood stands in the tragedies of woe, struck in the paleness of the cheeks, while orphanage cries in vain for the necessities of life. Strong drink fills our jails, beggars our land, and withers more hopes than all other evils of the day. Like a dark cloud, it shuts out the light of happiness, and sends the lightning of devastation.

Why should there be any opposition to temperance? It comes the dove with the olive of peace, giving homes of plenty, hearts of joy, and hopes of eternal glory. Look about over this land of temperance, and what do you see? Hovel transformed into palaces, ignorance supplanted by culture, and barren fields turned into gardens of flowers. These are the results of temperance.

But there is a dark page in our statistics which tell us that in this fair land of America, the cause of temperance is giving away. During the five years preceding 1864, while the population increased 75 per cent, the consumption of distilled liquors increased 44 per cent., and that of malt liquors

reporter. The publication of the report is given below. It is to be read in connection with the report of the Association of the same year of this country. It is to be read in connection with the report of the Association of the same year of this country. It is to be read in connection with the report of the Association of the same year of this country.

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Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HARRIS, Clerk.

The report was discussed by A. J. Harris. Pending the discussion, adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by C. W. Hare.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour, and sang, "Is my name written there?"

The report on Temperance was further discussed by C. G. Elliott, C. W. Hare and L. Poole. The report was then adopted.

The report on Sabbath-schools was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is with profound gratitude that your committee has the pleasure to report an increasing interest. But it is a matter of regret that we cannot report an increasing interest. We see from the report at the last Association that in twenty-two churches represented, fifteen reported Sabbath-schools, with seven hundred and five names on the roll.

We find on examination that twenty churches are represented at this session of the Association, fifteen with Sabbath-schools with six hundred and fifty-seven names on the roll.

Now, how is it that we cannot have the pleasure of reporting a school for each church represented, with a few by the wayside at school houses, with an increasing interest?

We see progress in every other department of Christian work. The mission work is continually being crowned with the best results, year by year we see more interest manifested in industrial education. There is an increasing interest in general education. Oh, why not have an increasing interest in Sabbath-schools? We can if we will. We know of no better way to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, than to train them properly at home, and in the Sabbath-school.

Each church seems to need a few more consecrated, self-denying, God-loving and God-fearing brethren and sisters.

God grant that each member of this Association may return to his home feeling more determined to put forth more effort in this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POPE.

The report was discussed by L. A. Duncan and J. T. Murfee, then adopted.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer,

In account with Bigbee Association:

1890.

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Sept. 13.	To amount received from Finance Committee, vouchers...	\$622 10
	cash.....	229 90
	public collection	28 17
	J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1889..	60
	F. L. Rushen.....	50
	public collection for minutes.....	4 33

1891.

Sept. 10. To amount received from J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1890... 2 60—\$883 20

1890.

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Sept. 13.	By amount paid J. D. Cook for minutes.....	\$ 45 93
	W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Secretary.....	210 97
	B. F. Riley for Howard College.....	5 00
	for remitting.....	60
	cash to balance on hand.....	3 60
	amount vouchers received from Finance Committee.....	622 10—\$883 20
	Respectfully submitted,	

A. D. FORTNER.

The committee on Nominations read their report, as follows :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of this body be held with Cuba church, Sumter county, Ala., and to convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

That Eld. J. R. Larkin preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. A. J. Hearn preach the missionary sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. W. G. Curry preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. FORTNER, Ch'n.

After some discussion as to whether it would not be better to meet on Saturday, the report was adopted as presented.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by W. F. Pond and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the members of this Association are hereby tendered the members of Zion church, and the citizens of this community, for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

The report on Finance was submitted and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Home Missions.....	vouchers..	\$368 98
Home Missions.....	cash.....	31 85—\$ 403 83
Foreign Missions.....	vouchers..	159 68
Foreign Missions.....	cash.....	30 20— 189 88
State Missions.....	vouchers..	215 63
State Missions.....	cash.....	62 44— 278 12
Indigent ministers.....	cash.....	15 85
Bible and Colportage Work.....	cash.....	18 90
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	vouchers..	151 55
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	cash.....	16 00— 167 55
Minutes.....		33 92
Minutes, collected at Association.....		3 50— 37 42
Associational purposes and undesignated.....	vouchers..	1 50
Howard College building.....	cash.....	10 60— 12 10
	vouchers..	230 00

COLLECTED AT ASSOCIATION.

Missionary collection.....	.....vouchers..	2 50	
Missionary collection.....	.....cash.....	74 00--	76 50
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, p'd to C. G. Elliott.....	.....cash.....		11 55
Howard College dormitories, paid to D. I. Putser.....	.....cash.....		3 00
Total.			\$144 70

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BROCK, }
H. R. FOSS, } Com.
A. P. EVANS, }

The committee on Correspondence submitted their report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee on Correspondence are glad to report that we have had a goodly number of visiting brethren with us.

They are as follows: Representative Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chas. G. Elliott; Chickasabay Association, Miss., L. A. Duncan and C. G. Elliott; Bethel Association, J. M. Kailin; Editor Alabama Baptist, C. W. Hare; Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, W. B. Crumpton; Financial Secretary Howard College and Representative of S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention, D. I. Purser; Cahaba Association, J. T. Murfee; President Howard College, B. F. Riley; Bethlehem Association, Miss., J. M. Ross.

We thank these brethren for their presence and the part which they have taken in our deliberations. We cordially invite them to meet with us again.

We also recommend that any brother in any of the churches composing this body, visiting a sister Association, be received as a corresponding messenger upon presentation of a copy of our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON BURTON, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed standing committees to report at next session. These committees will be found on inside of first page of cover.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted their report of the amount the churches are requested to contribute during the next Associational year, as follows :

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Work.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Total for each Church.
Beulah	\$ 7 45	\$ 5 75	\$ 5 75	\$ 60	\$ 1 20	\$ 4 00	\$ 24 75
Christian Valley	13 30	6 90	6 90	1 15	1 75	10 00	40 00
Clinton	9 75	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 25	10 00	34 00
Concord	28 75	6 90	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	61 05
Cuba	25 00	6 00	7 00	50	1 50	15 00	55 00
Demopolis	16 50	8 75	8 75	60	5 70	5 00	45 30
Eutaw	5 00	5 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	16 00
Epes	5 75	12 30	12 30	60	1 20	5 00	17 15
Friendship	9 20	5 75	5 75	60	1 20	1 00	23 50
Gainesville	13 00	5 05	5 15	60	1 20	5 00	30 00
Hickory Hill	5 00	1 35	1 35	.....	50	1 00	9 20
Hopewell, Choctaw county	5 00	2 15	2 33	.....	50	5 00	15 00
Honewell, Sumter county	13 80	3 45	3 45	60	6 00	5 00	26 90
Livingston	50 00	25 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	25 00	125 00
Mt. Hermon	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	2 50	12 50
Mt. Pleasant	23 00	8 05	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	56 45
Mt. Sterling	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	11 00
New Prospect	13 20	4 00	5 45	60	1 75	3 00	28 00
Rehoboth	20 00	7 00	7 00	60	3 00	5 00	42 60
Shorts	10 00	4 00	4 50	60	90	5 00	25 00
Siloam	17 25	9 75	9 75	60	1 75	4 00	43 10
Sumterville	20 10	5 15	4 60	60	3 75	15 00	49 50
York	15 10	10 65	10 80	1 40	3 75	15 00	60 00
Zion	10 00	3 60	3 00	60	3 40	5 00	25 00
Total	\$349 75	\$145 95	\$145 95	\$13 45	\$13 40	\$177 50	\$876 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GRANBERRY, Chairman.

After discussion by A. J. Hearn, F. M. Ward and J. D. Cook the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. D. Cook, from the Association, and W. G. Curry and A. J. Hearn, upon money basis.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to divide the missionary collections equally among State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer was also directed to pay the minute fund, together with the balance in his hands from this fund, to the Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and be allowed \$15.00 for his services. A contribution of \$3.50 was made to be added to the minute fund.

After prayer by J. D. Cook, the Association adjourned to meet with Cuba Baptist Church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

J. D. COOK,
Clerk.

J. R. LARKIN,
Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.
4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.
5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.
6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.
7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.
8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.
9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God: that in the Godhead are Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.
4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions to the Association.
2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.
3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak, without leave, more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.
5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.
6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.
7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

STATISTICS OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	County.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S Post-office.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Memberships reported.	Increase by:					Total.			
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Letter.	Exclusion.				
Beulah	Sumner	C. S. Ray	M. P. May	Kintorish	1	50	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Christian Valley	"	T. W. Hart	B. B. Soles	Catoona	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Catoona	Greene	C. B. Loyd	W. D. Greene	Clinton	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cuba	Choctaw	A. F. Horn	J. D. Phillips	Yandley Creek	1	117	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Demopolis	Sumner	J. D. Cook	R. W. Shaw	Cuba	1	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Marion	W. G. Curry	Thos. F. McKinley	Demopolis	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	C. G. Vaughan	J. S. Keller	Eves	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Greene	Not supplied	Miss Lizzie Calvin	Law	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	Not supplied	O. C. Thomas	Gainesville	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	Not supplied	W. N. Woodward	Bevill's Store	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Choctaw	W. F. Pond	J. A. Vaughan	Mt. Sterling	1	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Choctaw	J. L. Tucker	J. V. Tut	Belmont	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	J. R. Larkin	R. S. Cobb	Livingston	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	W. G. Curry	W. T. Campbell	York Station	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	C. S. Ray	A. J. McCreary	Cuba	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	Not supplied	J. W. Jones	Clinton	1	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Marion	J. M. Kadin	J. W. Turner	Mt. Sterling	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Choctaw	T. R. Woodward	W. P. Baker	Livingsston	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Choctaw	Not supplied	W. P. Cook	Pishmataha	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Choctaw	A. J. Horn	E. B. Horn	Gaston	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	Sumner	C. G. Vaughan	Levi Peters	York Station	1	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	W. F. Pond	A. E. Foxthress	Sumterville	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	J. D. Cook	E. M. Flowers	York Station	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	W. G. Curry	T. M. Brunsell	Rose B.	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk	"	A. J. Horn			1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total					11	2179	48	22	4	49	936	15187	71	162		

Taken from last year's report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.—W. F. Pond, Kintorish, Beulah church; Wm. Larkin, Catoona, Christian Valley church; S. M. Carpe, Clinton, Clinton church; E. M. Shaw, Cuba, Cuba church; J. C. Kelly, Livingston, Livingston church; J. A. Vaughan, Mt. Sterling, Hopewell church; J. R. Speed, Belmont, Hopewell church; A. D. Roemer, Livingston, Livingston church; W. P. Kelly, York Station, Mt. Hermon church; J. Q. Lipscomb, Jefferson, Mt. Hermon church; J. W. Cook, Pishmataha, Beulah church; G. W. Green, York Station, Sumterville church; W. H. Bronson, Sumterville, Sumterville church; W. J. Lack, York Station, York church.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH	Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Bible Societies		Bible School		Sunday School		Woman's Society		Sons' Meetings		Paid		Pastor's Salary		V. L. and B. Society	
	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr	De	Cr
Baptist	6.00	6.00	13.75	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Methodist	5.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Episcopal	12.00	8.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Presbyterian	8.00	17.00	25.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Free Will	7.00	11.00	9.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
United Brethren	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Other	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Total	\$27.08	\$18.00	\$94.87	\$45.85	\$18.50	\$172.55	\$11.55	\$7.57	\$12.50	\$22.00	\$8.50	\$75.57	\$75.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00

Name of Moderator, J. R. Larkin, Pastor of Methodist Church, Canton, Ala. Name of Clerk, J. D. Cooke, Pastor of Clerk, Cuba Station, Ala.
 Session of 1892 to be held with Cuba Baptist Church, Sumter county, on Thursday before second Sabbath in September, 1892.



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